

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Claims Nos.: 13

The method of claim 13 is carried out within a human body. As stated in the claim (inserting the transcutaneous device into the subject), the method is during a surgical therapy. This method is forming part of a surgical procedure and can therefore not be regarded as an invention which is susceptible of industrial application. The application does not meet the requirement of Rule 39.1 (iv), because this claim is a method of treatment of the human body.

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